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In re Application of:

() Confirmation No.: 8947

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U.S. Appln. No.: 10/697,943

() For: SAMPLING DEVICE AND METHOD)

FOR OBTAINING SAMPLES...

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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is a REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

[] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)		
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS		
TOTAL	* 30	MINUS	** 32	0		
INDEP.	* 2	MINUS	*** 4	0		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						

SMALL ENTITY				
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
x 25	\$			
x 100	\$			
+ 180	\$			
IONAL FEE TOTAL	\$			

 ADDITIONAL

 X
 50
 \$

 X
 200
 \$

 +
 360
 \$

 TOTAL
 \$

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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	Small Entity	Other	r Than Small Entity		
	Response Filed Within	Resp	Response Filed Within		
	[] First - \$ 60.00	[]	First - \$ 120.00		
	[] Second - \$ 225.00	[]	Second - \$ 450.00		
	[] Third - \$ 510.00	[]	Third - \$ 1020.00		
	[] Fourth - \$ 795.00	[]	Fourth - \$ 1590.00		
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XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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